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**In the Specification**

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 6, lines 15-26 as follows.

In the devices of both Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, an additional feed unit 10, e.g., for granular or powder-type particles or fibers may be provided. Examples of possible granular or powder-type particles are those of SiC, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, or carbon. The method of feed for the particles or fibers may be to add these to the molten metal or to add them to the molten metal up to a point immediately before gap 4 such that a specified distribution of particles or both fibers and molten magnesium is assured – and thus the consistency of the product as well. Fibers may as required be added in loose form as bulk material, or as nonwoven, woven or knit material, or in analogous form such that this method of adding the fibers ensures especially uniform product characteristics for the fiber-containing pellets. An especially advantageous method may be to homogenously distribute the particles or fibers at an external site, e.g., by mechanical or induction stirring.

**In the Drawings:**

Corrections to Figures 1 and 2 are shown in red and filed with this Response.